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SUBJECT: VESCO CITIZENSHIP RENUNCIATION PROCEDURE

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES BEST PROCEDURE REGARDING VESCO, IN UNLIKELY EVENT HE APPEARS TO RENOUNCE CITIZENSHIP, IS TO TREAT HIM AS ANY OTHER U.S. CITIZEN AND FOLLOW PROCEDURES IN 8 FAM. GENERALLY, THE PROCEDURES IN 8 FAM DON'T ENCOURAGE OR DISCOURAGE RENUNCIATION, BUT URGE EMBASSY EMPLOYEE TO EXPLAIN THE SERIOUSNESS OF A RENUNCIATION ACTION AND TO EXPLAIN THAT RENUNCIATION DOES NOT RELIEVE THE PERSON OF ALL OBLIGATION TO THE UNITED STATES SUCH AS OUTSTANDING CRIMINAL CHARGES. THE PERSON IS URGED TO AVOID PRECIPITOUS ACTION, TO THINK IT OVER AND COME BACK, WHICH IS ABOUT ALL THE STALLING THE EMBASSY CAN DO. HOWEVER, IF A CITIZEN INSISTS ON RENUNCIATION ON THE SPOT, THE EMBASSY IS REQUIRED TO GO AHEAD WITH IT. THE CITIZEN IS GIVEN A STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING EXPLAINING THE VARIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF RENUNCIATION, AND IT AND THE ACTUAL RENUNCIATION BOTH HAVE TO BE SIGNED BEFORE 2 WITNESSES.

2. EMBASSY COULD POINT OUT TO VESCO THAT, EVEN IF HE LOSES U.S. CITIZENSHIP, THIS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE HIS EXTRADITION UNDER THE TREATY. EXTRADITION WOULD BE PRECLUDED, HOWEVER, IF HE BECOMES COSTA RICAN CITIZEN.

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3. DEPARTMENT ALSO BELIEVES IF ANY INTERESTED PARTY
(INCLUDING PRESS) ASKS FOR INFORMATION ON RENUNCIATION,
EMBASSY SHOULD GIVE THEM THE INFORMATION FACTUALLY. INGERSOLL

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